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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/588,478	Applicant(s) HAMILTON ET AL.	
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,7,8,13,15,18,20,22 and 35-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,7,8,13,15,18,20,22 and 35-45 and 47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 46 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the application

1. Receipt of Applicant's request for continued examination filed on 31st July 2009 is acknowledged.

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 31st July 2009 has been entered.

2. In view of applicants' amendments and remarks the previous rejections have been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of different interpretation of the previously applied reference, newly found prior art and provide an explanation of the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 47 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claim depends on the claim 45, however, it is unclear whether applicants intend to depend on the pharmaceutical composition or a compound. If it is a type in the claim language, then it should be corrected.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

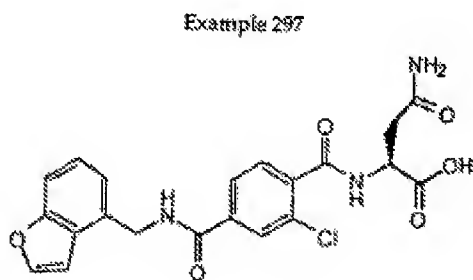
5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 18, 20, 35, 39, 40, 41, 43 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Burdick** (WO 99/49856).

Burdick discloses the following compound:



[page 141].

The above compound anticipates claims 1, 7 and 8 with the following conditions from the claim language:

R' is substituted C₁ alkyl group;

R⁴ is H;

X is H;

X² and X³ are H;

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X^4 is Cl;

R^{1a} is H;

R^{1b} is substituted C_1 alkyl group.

The above compound (#297) anticipates claims 1 and 13 with the following conditions from the claim language:

R' is substituted C_1 alkyl group;

R^4 is H;

X is Cl;

X^2 , X^3 and X^4 are H;

R^{1a} is H;

R^{1b} is substituted C_1 alkyl group.

The above compound (#297) also anticipates claims 1 and 18 with the following conditions from the claim language:

R^2 is substituted alkyl amide;

R^i is H;

j is 0;

R^4 is H;

X is Cl;

X^2 , X^3 and X^4 are H;

R^{1a} is H;

R^{1b} is substituted C_1 alkyl group.

The above compound (#297) also anticipates claims 1 and 20 with the following conditions from the claim language:

R' is substituted alkyl group;

R⁴ is H;

X² is Cl;

X, X³ and X⁴ are H;

R^{1a} is H;

n is 0;

R^f is substituted monoalkylamide;

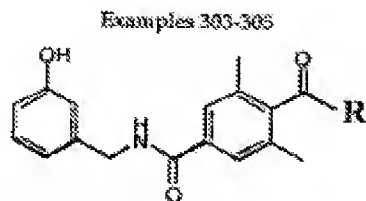
R^g is H.

Burdick also discloses that these compounds can be used in pharmaceutical compositions with a pharmaceutical additive (page 10, lines 8-14; page 61, lines 4-6, 26-34).

Therefore these claims are fully met.

7. Claims 1-4, 36, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Burdick** (WO 99/49856).

Burdick discloses the following compound:



Examples 303-305 were synthesized by Method 569.

Example #	R group
303	L- Asn
304	L- diaminopropionic acid (alkox)
305	L- lys

[page 142].

The above compound (#305) anticipates claims 1-4 with the following conditions from the claim language:

R' is Lysine;

R⁴ is H (from -NH- of lysine);

X is methyl group;

X² and X³ are H;

X⁴ is methyl group;

R^{1a} is H;

R^{1b} is substituted C₁ alkyl group.

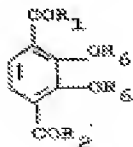
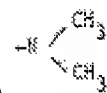
Burdick also discloses that these compounds can be used in pharmaceutical compositions with a pharmaceutical additive (page 10, lines 8-14; page 61, lines 4-6, 26-34).

Therefore these claims are fully met.

8. Claims 1, 15 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **FR 8.298 M** (applicants' IDS 5/18/07).

FR 8.298 M discloses the following compound:

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(see page 1, full translation pending), where R_1 and R_2 areand R_6

is methyl group [see Table in page 3].

Compound 7 [see Table in page 3] anticipates applicants claims 1 and 15 with the following conditions from the claim language:

X is $-OR$, where R is an unsubstituted C_1 alkyl group;

X^2 is $-OR^e$, where R^e is an unsubstituted C_1 alkyl group;

X^3 and X^4 are H ;

R^4 is an unsubstituted C_1 alkyl group;

R' is an unsubstituted C_1 alkyl group;

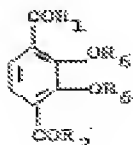
R^{1a} and R^{1b} are an unsubstituted C_1 alkyl group;

FR 8.298 M also discloses pharmaceutical composition or medicament of the above compound [see title and page 1, lines 1-10, translation pending].

Therefore these claims are fully met.

9. Claims 1, 22 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **FR 8.298 M** (applicants' IDS 5/18/07).

FR 8.298 M discloses the following compound:

(see page 1), where R_1 and R_2 are $-NH-CH_3$ and R_6 is methyl group [see

compound 1 in the Table in page 3].

The above compound anticipates applicants claims 1 and 22 with the following conditions from the claim language:

X is -OR, where R is an unsubstituted C₁ alkyl group, which is a hydrogen bond acceptor group;

X² is -OR^e, where R^e is an unsubstituted C₁ alkyl group;

X³ and X⁴ are H;

R⁴ is H;

R' is an unsubstituted C₁ alkyl group;

R^{1a} and R^{1b} are an unsubstituted C₁ alkyl group.

FR 8.298 M also disclose pharmaceutical composition or medicament of the above compound [see title and page 1, lines 1-10, translation pending].

Therefore these claims are fully met.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claim 46 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the closest prior art (**Burdick** (WO 99/49856) and **FR 8.298 M**) fails to disclose or teach applicants compound as recited in the claim 46.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed on 31st July 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Applicants' arguments are moot in view of above new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

12. No claim is allowed.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sudhakar Katakam whose telephone number is 571-272-9929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Sullivan can be reached on 571-272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Sudhakar Katakam/
Examiner, Art Unit 1621